

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-3, 29, 31-34 and 36-67, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Kindly amend claims 3-14, 16-28, 30 and 35 and add new claims 68-70 as set forth below.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-3. (Cancelled).

4. (Currently Amended) A capsule as claimed in claim ~~1~~ 68, wherein the SAME salt is present in an amount ranging from 425 mg to 440 mg ~~depending on assay, potency, moisture content and overage.~~

5. (Currently Amended) A capsule as claimed in claim ~~2~~ 68 wherein the lipophilic material coated over the S-adenosylmethionine salt is selected from the group consisting of stearic acid, carnuaba wax, beeswax, polyoxyethylene sorbitan monooleate, cetyl alcohol, glyceryl monostearate, cetostearyl alcohol and glyceryl behanate.

6. (Currently Amended) A capsule as claimed in claim ~~2~~ 68 wherein the lipophilic material is diluted with dichloromethane or ~~isopropyl alcohol~~ isopropyl alcohol.

7. (Currently Amended) A capsule as claimed in claim ~~2~~ 68 wherein the amount of lipophilic material is 15 to 20%, ~~preferably 16%~~ of the total fill material.

8. (Currently Amended) A capsule as claimed in claim ~~2~~ 68 wherein the ratio of lipophilic material to ~~S-adenosylmethionine~~ SAME salt is 5:1.

9. (Currently Amended) A capsule as claimed in claim ~~2~~ 68 wherein the oil in the oily matrix is ~~composed of an oil~~ selected from the group consisting of soya bean oil, arachis oil, wheat germ oil, gel oil, corn oil, and rice bran oil and mixtures thereof.

10. (Currently Amended) A capsule as claimed in claim ~~2~~ 68 wherein the amount of oil is 50 to 55 % w/w, ~~preferably 53%~~ of the total fill material.

11. (Currently Amended) A capsule as claimed in claim ~~2~~ 68 wherein the antioxidants are selected from the group consisting of citric acid, ascorbic acid, butylated hydroxy toluene NDGA, and butylated hydroxy anisole and mixtures thereof.

12. (Currently Amended) A capsule as claimed in claim ~~2~~ 68 wherein the amount of antioxidants is 0.1 %w/w of the total fill material.

13. (Currently Amended) A capsule as claimed in claim ~~2~~ 68 wherein the preservatives are selected from the group consisting of methyl and paraben, propyl parabens paraben and mixtures thereof.

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14. (Currently Amended) A capsule as claimed in claim ~~1~~ 68 wherein the soft gelatin film ~~further~~ comprises softening agents, plasticizers, opacifying agents, preservatives and ~~colouring~~ coloring agents.

15. (Original) A capsule as claimed in claim 14, wherein the gelatin present in the film is from 40 to 60 % w/w.

16. (Currently Amended) A capsule as claimed in claim 14 wherein the softening agent is selected from the group consisting of glycerol, glycerine, triacetin, sorbitol, sorbitan anhydrides and mannitol.

17. (Currently Amended) A capsule as claimed in claim 14 wherein the amount of softening agent is 10% to 15% w/w of the gelatin content.

18. (Currently Amended) A capsule as claimed in claim 14 wherein the ~~plasticizer~~ plasticizer is ~~selected is~~ polyethylene glycol 200 ~~(PEG 200)~~.

19. (Currently Amended) A capsule as claimed in claim 14 wherein the amount of plasticizer is about 25 to 30% w/w of the gelatin content.

20. (Currently Amended) A capsule as claimed in claim 14 wherein the ~~opacifiers~~ opacifier is ~~selected from~~ titanium dioxide ~~and/or iron oxides~~.

21. (Currently Amended) A capsule as claimed in claim 14 wherein the opacifier is present in an ~~mount~~ amount of 0.2 to 0.5% w/w of the gelatin content.

22. (Currently Amended) A capsule as claimed in claim 14 wherein the ~~colouring~~ coloring agent is iron oxide yellow.

23. (Currently Amended) A capsule as claimed in claim 14 wherein the amount of ~~colouring~~ coloring agent present is 0.25% w/w of the gelatin content.

24. (Currently Amended) A capsule as claimed in claim 14 wherein the preservative is methyl paraben or propyl ~~parabens~~ paraben.

25. (Currently Amended) A capsule as claimed in claim 14 wherein the amount of preservatives is 0.2 to 0.5% w/w of the gelatin content.

26. (Currently Amended) A capsule as claimed in claim ~~1~~ 68 wherein ~~enteric coating on the capsule is~~ the soft gelatin capsule is enteric coated with a coating agent selected from ~~a coating of the group consisting of~~ hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose phthalate (HPMCP), hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose succinate (HPMCS), carboxymethyl cellulose (CMEC) and methylacrylic acid copolymer.

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27. (Currently Amended) A capsule as claimed in claim \pm 68 wherein the thickness of the soft gelatin film is ranges from about 0.9 to 1.1 mm.

28. (Currently Amended) A capsule as claimed in claim \pm 68, wherein the enteric coating sustains a pH of 5.5 to 6.8.

29. (Cancelled).

30. (Currently Amended) A capsule as claimed in claim \pm 68, wherein the enteric coating ~~essentially releases the fill material~~ provides release of the SAME salt within 2 hours of oral administration.

31-34. (Cancelled).

35. (Currently Amended) A method of preparing a an enteric-coated soft gelatin capsule comprising a core of SAME salt selected from the group consisting of a SAME monosulphate tosylate salt and a SAME disulphate tosylate salt, said method comprising the steps of:

- a. coating the SAME salt with a lipophilic material to obtain granules,
- b. ~~coating~~ mixing the granules obtained in step (a) with an oily matrix, antioxidants and preservatives to form a lipid suspension,
- c. disposing the lipid suspension ~~within~~ in a soft gelatin film, and

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d. ~~providing coating~~ the soft gelatin film ~~with an enteric coating~~ to obtain an enteric coated enteric-coated soft gelatin capsule.

36-67. (Cancelled).

68. (New) An enteric-coated soft gelatin capsule with fill material comprising a core of SAME salt selected from the group consisting of a SAME monosulphate tosylate salt and a SAME disulphate tosylate salt coated with lipophilic material, an oily matrix, antioxidants and preservatives.

69. (New) A capsule as claimed in claim 7, wherein the amount of lipophilic material is 16% of the total fill material.

70. (New) A capsule as claimed in claim 10, wherein the amount of oil is 53 % w/w of the total fill material.
